



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 19

The registration and the canvass made so far in the Congressional campaign in Maryland indicate that the democrats are sure of electing J. Harry Covington, of Talbot county, in the First district; Fred Talbot, in the Second; State Senator S. Charles Linthicum, in the Fourth, and probably, George Konig, in the Third district. State Senator Gorman also is very anxious to elect the democrat in the Fifth district. J. Enos Ray, jr., and if any democrat in southern Maryland can carry Mudd's old district Ray is the man to do it. Senator Gorman's harmony dinner last Wednesday, at which he brought together not only all the democratic leaders of different views in the Fifth district, but also representatives of factions from elsewhere, had a good effect. It terminated in a love feast at which the friends of Charles H. Stanley and J. Enos Ray, who bitterly opposed each other in the congressional primaries, clasped hands and pledged to work together to redeem the Fifth. Even Governor Crothers, who has been irritating the party managers of late by his police investigations and other things not in line with the organization, came to the feast and, placing his hand upon young Gorman's shoulder, assured him that he always was a loyal democrat and supporter of the party nominee. He declared it would be a happy day for Maryland when that district was won over by the democrats, and he said he believed it would be accomplished this time. The dinner was a clever political stroke on Mr. Gorman's part and showed that he possesses the tact and diplomacy his late father had in handling men and managing a campaign.

SUCCESS MAGAZINE has issued a preliminary forecast of the approaching congressional election in the 391 districts and gives the following as a summary: "Republicans, 160; democrats, 168; close, probably republican, 29; close, probably democratic, 21; total, probably republican, 189; total, probably democratic, 189; doubtful, 13. The extraordinary closeness of this coming contest is shown by the prediction that 168 districts will certainly be represented by democrats; and 21 more will probably be democratic, giving a total reasonably sure democratic membership of 189; while the republican party will certainly elect 160 members and will probably elect 29 more, giving a reasonably sure total of 189—exactly the same number! There are thirteen districts in the country in which there is so even a balance of probabilities that we can not possibly predict the result, without resorting to mere guesswork." Of these thirteen doubtful districts four are now represented by democrats and nine by republicans. It will be seen by this forecast that the successful party will have to win seven of the thirteen in order to control the House. In the tabulated statement Virginia is given 8 democrats, 1 republican and 1 doubtful. The figures given by the democratic campaign committee, however, give a safe democratic majority and these latter figures are much more likely to be correct.

This safety razor and the cost of living were the issues discussed at the mass meeting of the International Barbers' Benevolent Society in New York on Monday night. The call for the meeting said that "the safety razor has become the greatest competitor" of the legitimate barber, and that it is time the barbers wake up and unite themselves in a powerful organization and take steps to better their condition. The loss of custom by the barbers is of course to be regretted by them and by their friends, but inventions will continue, and the old, must give way to the new. Such is life.

CONDITIONS in Florida and parts of Georgia are still serious. Dispatches today show that there has been virtually no abatement in the fury of the hurricane now prevailing in those states, and that in some places people are fleeing for their lives. Many houses have already been wrecked and at present the loss of life cannot be estimated. Floods are causing havoc here and there, and much distress is reported. Hurricane signals extend up the Atlantic coast as far north as New Jersey. It seems that disturbance follows disturbance, as about the time one begins to show abatement another is announced as following in its wake.

The failure of Walter Wellman to "make good" on his proposed trip to Europe by airship has by no means disheartened the promoters of the enterprise. Plans are being made for

a renewal of the attempt. Wellman, Vaniman and the other members, despite their narrow escape, are eager for another try whereby they may take advantage of the mistakes of the initial expedition. They will have all the money they need to construct a new dirigible, bigger and more powerful than the ill-fated one that was abandoned early yesterday off Cape Hatteras. The warmest "boosters" of the proposition are the very men who derided Wellman during the days he kept the big "America" in its hangar. They have overwhelmed Joseph Salus, head of the party, that originally financed Wellman, with offers of financial assistance. The result is that today Salus has a representative in New York to meet the party on its arrival with the offer of all the money needed and a request that they come to Atlantic City as soon as possible for a conference.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Correspondence of Alexandria Gazette.

With Joseph H. Choate, former U. S. Ambassador to England appearing in behalf of a Canadian whisky firm, the fight against forcing the concern to put the word "blended" in the title of its product when sold in this country, was thrashed out before Attorney General Wickham today. Solicitor McCabe of the Department of Agriculture appeared for the government. Choate made a masterly plea in behalf of the whisky concern, contending that it should be allowed to retain its historic title. Wickham reserved decision.

An ingenious citizen of New York City applied today for appointment as postmaster general. He wrote to Frank H. Hitchcock, saying he had heard that Hitchcock might retire, and announcing his willingness to take the job. In conclusion he said: "Kindly send me information as to the wages paid the postmaster general and the educational qualifications required to pass the civil service examination for that place."

The conscience fund of the Postoffice Department was today enriched by the receipt of three 2-cent stamps. The sender declares that he was short a few cents on the postage of several documents and wished to settle his account with the government. The letter was postmarked Muncy, Pa., Oct. 16, and addressed to the postmaster in Washington.

Collector Loeb of the port of New York, is in the city today conferring with the customs officials of the treasury. He will remain until the arrival of Secretary MacVeagh of the Treasury Department tomorrow, with whom he desires to discuss some undervaluation cases.

Free lumber is a reality, temporarily, on the northern border of Minnesota, as a result of an order issued by the Treasury Department today for the benefit of the forest fires sufferers in the northwest.

The Weather Bureau announced today that a northwest gale is moving across Lake Superior and is in line to collide with the hurricane, which is moving up the coast from Florida. It is estimated that the two storms will meet off New England tomorrow, in which case shipping will be in great danger.

The weather bureau states that the southern storm is now centered in southeastern Georgia. During the past 48 hours it has moved directly northward, traversing the entire Florida peninsula, and maintaining great intensity. Gales are reported at the following stations during the past 24 hours: Savannah, Ga., 68, northeast; Charleston, S. C., 60, east; Jacksonville, Fla., 52, northeast.

The Crippen Case.

London, Oct. 19.—A complete retrial of the Crippen case may be made necessary by the sudden illness of one of the jurors. The jurymen was taken suddenly ill during the forenoon session of the trial today, and Lord Alverstone, the presiding justice, was compelled to adjourn the hearing.

Physicians have not yet been able to tell how seriously ill the jurymen is, but it is possible that the selection of a new jurymen and a rehearing of all the testimony given yesterday will be necessary.

Snow Storm.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 19.—The first snowstorm of the season blew out of the west and northwest today covering the ground with a white mantle. The snowfall is not heavy. The snow was accompanied by a raw, cold wind and the temperature dropped below the freezing point.

The Next Chief Justice.

New York, Oct. 19.—Associate Justice Edward D. White, of the Supreme Court, is believed to be the next chief justice. President Taft, who has been seeking counsel from his advisers on this appointment, has been surprised at the unanimity with which business men, lawyers and friends have urged Justice White's fitness for the place.

The executive now has a list of about fifty names of persons who have been suggested as of Supreme Court calibre. He is collecting all available information about these "possibilities." He regards the duty of selecting justices for the Supreme Court as one of his greatest responsibilities, and has declared that politics will not enter into the matter.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Oct. 19.—Although the price changes showed some degree of irregularity at the opening of the stock market today the important railroads and industrials were extremely heavy. At the end of fifteen minutes, however, a steadier tone developed.

After the first hour a steadier tone prevailed in the market but there was an absence of aggressive buying.

Matt Crawford, wealthy Kentucky distiller and a nephew of the late Judge James Hargis, of feud fame, was shot and instantly killed at his distillery two miles from Jackson, Miss., today. The authorities are searching for three men and a woman seen to leave the vicinity after a number of shots were heard.

Georgetown Wheat Market. Georgetown, D. C. Oct. 19.—Wheat 90c.

WILL TRY AGAIN.

Wellman Says He is Determined to be the Pioneer Aviator to Cross the Ocean.

On Board Royal Mail Steamer Trent, by wireless to New York, Oct. 19.—The dirigible balloon, which was launched in a dirigible balloon. Far from disheartening, this failure has only spurred me to higher ambitions. It was my equilibrium that disabled the "America." That was the one fatal error, despite the fact that the plan had worked out well, in theory and at the time I made my first attempt at the North Pole. It will have to be a new type of dirigible that will be used, but even while the America was drifting helpless and nearly a total wreck above the waters of the Atlantic, Vaniman and myself were talking over what was needed. We know and intend getting busy as soon as possible.

Walter Wellman, first captain of an airship to be wrecked at sea, awakened today on the steamer Trent most determined than ever to be a pioneer in piloting a balloon across the ocean. The "America's" cat, mascot of the expedition seems the only sufferer. Ever since it was brought on board the Trent, the women passengers have insisted on petting it. A number of them became indignant when "Jack" Irwin, the wireless operator of the ill-fated dirigible, insisted on having the animal placed in a cage and demanded that the passengers try to stuff it with delicacies. Irwin claims the cat, and has already been offered a small fortune for it. He says, however, that it is not for sale but will be kept in order that it may become the mascot of "America II" when that airship is constructed and starts on its journey to Europe.

The dirigible, utterly disabled, had been drifting for hours and could have kept in the air not more than twenty hours longer. That time, however, would have brought them into the zone of the cyclone which has been creating such havoc off the Caribbean, and it would have been a difficult task to have kept the heavy life boat afloat in a storm.

The Mallory line steamship Concho arrived today from Key West, having passed south of the gulf storm. A part of the deck railing on the Concho, however, was carried overboard by the high sea.

The Trent weighed anchor at 1:30 and was expected to reach her pier by about four o'clock this afternoon.

Balloon Race.

St. Louis, Oct. 19.—With the elimination of the balloons St. Louis No. 4, and the Million Population Club, only one American craft remained in the international spherical race, that today is carrying seven bags northeast toward the wilds of the Hudson Bay country.

From reports gathered here early today the America II, manned by Hawley and Post, racing against six foreign balloons, has a chance to break the American distance record of 873 miles.

Alpena, Mich., Oct. 19.—Fears for the safety of the pilots and aides in the seven balloons now aloft in the international balloon race and now believed to be headed in a northwesterly direction over Lake Huron, is felt here today following the receipt of the warning from Washington of a northwest gale which is eastward bound over Lake Superior.

Alleged Dynamiters.

San Francisco, October, 19.—That anarchists of the red type blew up the Los Angeles Times, is now the belief of the San Francisco police following developments resulting from the recent find of 200 pounds of dynamite in a vacant cottage in south San Francisco. It was announced today in Los Angeles that that inquest had been indefinitely postponed "on account of important developments." The police are preserving the utmost secrecy, but arrests are expected before night. Mrs. Belle Lamm, arrested yesterday on charges of being an accessory of the crime, is believed to know where the men who gave the name of "Bryce" and "Morris" are. The police assert that she has communicated with the two men within the last week.

Conferred With the President.

New York, Oct. 19.—In an effort to persuade President Taft to take an active part in the New York state campaign and aid in the election of Henry L. Stimson and his associates on the republican ticket, Otto T. Bannard and Lloyd C. Griscom, of the New York county committee, conferred with the president today. It was understood that Bannard suggested to Taft that he write a letter to someone in the state expressing his desire to see Stimson elected.

Peary Also a Fakir.

Berlin, Oct. 18.—Professor Andreas Galle, the famous German astronomer of Potsdam, today issued a sensational statement in which he declared that Commander Peary did not reach the North Pole. Professor Galle declares that none of Peary's methods for reckoning his position in the far north were reliable, and that even had Peary reached the axis of the earth he would not have known it.

Women Smoke Cigarettes.

New York, Oct. 19.—Shocked expressions and upraised hands were in evidence in anti-cigarette circles here today, when the news spread that American women at last night's dinner of the Japanese society smoked cigarettes with their coffee. The dinner was given in honor of Mayor Yukio Ozaki, of Tokyo, and his wife, and there were a score of Japanese women present, as well as a number of American women. The Japanese women although they smoke at home, did not indulge at the dinner, but several of the American women pulled daintily at their cigarette. Mayor Ozaki in a speech pleaded that Japan and America had the world in a movement for international peace.

Ed Spenser, a former catcher for the St. Louis Browns, and St. Paul Association team, and two other baseball players were injured, one fatally, while joy-riding in New Orleans early today.

The directors of the Western Union Telegraph Company met in New York, today and re-elected all the retiring officers, including President Robert C. Galloway, who had been "seated to go," according to Wall street rumors, and Richard Gibson.

HURRICANE STILL RAGING.

Wind Blowing Sixty-eight Miles an Hour—Fearful Havoc and Loss of Life.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 17.—The wind here reached a velocity of sixty-eight miles an hour today, according to the official estimate of the Weather Bureau, and the storm is raging throughout the territory south of here, spreading havoc in its wake. Unverified reports indicate at least a score of railroad workmen perished.

The storm-center is estimated to be between Jacksonville and Savannah, moving slowly north. The best reports obtainable indicate that the loss of life probably has not been heavy except among laborers on the Florida East Coast Railroad.

The most severe damage has been done along the coast, but the great bumper orange crop, which promised to break records, is believed to be a total loss.

Heavy property damage has been done at St. Augustine, where the business section is under water. Titusville was flooded at last reports. The extension of the Coast Railroad, extending over the sea to the keys, was swept away.

All rail structures were blown away last night at Jacksonville, but the people had taken refuge in places of safety and up to the time when communication was interrupted no loss of life was reported there.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 19.—With the wind blowing sixty miles an hour here early today, all Florida is out of communication. The entire peninsula has been swept by the terrific hurricane, which struck Key West Monday afternoon.

The loss to property will run high into the millions. The loss of life is phenomenal.

Key West island has been deserted, all the inhabitants coming here for safety. Brunswick, Ga., on the coast south of here, was inundated during the night.

Last reports indicated St. Augustine and Miami, Fla., were under water. Heavy damage was done at Jacksonville and the citizens were panic-stricken when wire communication was cut off. Key West is believed to have suffered most.

The wind drove the water into the streets of Brunswick, Ga., during the night and the city is reported to be under water today. Heavy damage was done shipments on the docks.

The river here is raging like a stormy sea, and over 18,000 bales of cotton on the docks are in danger. Refugees have come in from all coastal points nearby, reporting that the wind blew fiercely all night and swept away light frame structures as if they were paper.

No word has been received from Tampa since Monday, when the wind reached ninety miles an hour. It is feared that 46 members of the Plant City Artillery, marooned on Egmont Key, have not been rescued.

The damage to small craft on the east and west coasts of Florida is believed to have been heavy, in spite of the fact that the storm warnings were well circulated.

The last dispatches from Jacksonville told of the rescue of the family of the late Senator-elect, Broward from St. George Island. They were taken off in a small launch, after a thrilling experience.

It is feared here that when full reports are received, it will be learned that many parties, not now figuring in the dispatches, were caught in the storm. At this time, with all the wires south of here out of commission, statements of the losses of life and property are bound to be speculative.

Galveston, Tex., Oct. 19.—No report had been received at noon today from the steamer Progreso, four days overdue from Havana to Galveston, and the vessel's agents fear she has been lost in the Caribbean hurricane.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19.—The full force of the hurricane struck Savannah today, cutting off that city from communication, after reports had been sent out saying the wind had reached sixty-eight miles per hour and was rising.

The hurricane in its movement northward has cut off town after town from communication and this afternoon the whole of Florida and half of Georgia is without wires.

It is believed here that the property loss will be the greatest sustained from a storm in this section in many years. At this time there is no way to calculate it.

Havana, Oct. 19.—Advices received today from the southern coast of Florida show that the storm ravaged the coast and has been even more severe than early reports stated. Many vessels are in trouble and several of the ships arriving at Key West, which is cut off from cable communication with the mainland, report the rescue of crews.

The British steamer Inventor picked up ten sailors from the Spanish bark Hugo, and six from the Marcha, an American schooner. The Fog, another American schooner, is stranded off Boca Grande Island and the Herman Frase, an American vessel, is disabled off Alligator Key lighthouse.

Holland Nominated.

[Special Dispatch to the Gazette.]

Suffolk, Oct. 19.—E. E. Holland was nominated for Congress by the Second district democratic convention on the 504th ballot. At 12:05 o'clock James Trehy, leader of the Young forces, announced that enough Young votes had been switched from Deal to Holland to secure his election. This announcement came as a great surprise to the convention which had never contemplated any such action on the part of Young, looking rather to Deal or even Maynard for their necessary votes. As a matter of fact the wise ones never expected to see Holland secure a vote from any of the others, expecting to see Deal or a dark horse chosen. The dark horse was made almost impossible yesterday by the action of the committee in ruling that no votes could be cast for outsiders, and Deal was expected to pull in the plum in the course of time. The excitement when Trehy made his announcement was intense.

Your cough annoys you. Keep on hacking and tearing the delicate membranes of your throat if you want to be annoyed. But if you want relief, want to be cured, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Sold by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Count Tolstoi suffered several fainting spells at St. Petersburg yesterday and was unconscious for several hours. Last evening he was said to be in a somewhat improved condition.

Postmaster General Hitchcock announced that the postal deficit for the fiscal year ended June 30 last amounted to \$5,881,482 compared with \$17,479,770 for the preceding year.

William Vaughn Moody, author, playwright and authority on English literature, died at Colorado Springs, yesterday, after an illness lasting more than a year. Mr. Moody was born at Spencer, Ind., in 1869.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan failed to register this year and consequently he will be unable to vote. For many years he has been registered in New York enrolled as a republican and voted the republican ticket, in the Twenty-seventh assembly district. The example of Mr. Morgan is failing to register was followed by a number of prominent republicans in the Murray Hill neighborhood.

Between 300 and 400 delegates are in attendance at Rock Island, Ill., at the twenty-eighth annual convention of the State Federation of Labor of Illinois, which began its session there yesterday. In accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the organization, all delegates appeared at the opening session with union labels conspicuously displayed upon every garment and other visible parts of their apparel.

The government of Portugal yesterday issued a decree prescribing the Braganza family to the position of an exiled house. Concerning the property in Portugal owned personally by King Manuel and others of the royal family, the decree states that this matter will be settled as soon as possible. The government promises that the legitimate rights of the exiled members of the royal family will be respected.

Serious rioting occurred at Bremen last night in connection with a strike of the street railway employees. A crowd of about a thousand gathered in front of the car sheds and attacked the police with stones and bottles. The police drew their sabers and drove back the crowds. The operation had to be repeated several times. Missiles were hurled from the windows of houses, and many persons, including officers, were wounded.

STORY OF THE RESCUE.

As was stated in the Gazette, the America's crew was picked up in latitude 35 degrees 18 minutes north, longitude 68 degrees 16 minutes west, early yesterday morning. Out of the night, like a star rising from the sea attached to a dark, mysterious body, the airship America carrying Walter Wellman and five companions, appeared to the northeast of the royal mail steamer Trent at 5:07 o'clock yesterday morning.

Chief Officer Lainsort first sighted her several minutes before it became plain that it really was a dirigible and in distress. A light began to move and then came the message in the Morse code:

"Stand by. I am in need of you." "Capt. C. Downs, commanding the Trent, ordered the course changed. The wireless on the airship sent requests for a boat. By this time dawn was breaking and the Trent's 200 passengers from Cuba and Bermuda were on deck in scant attire.

It was a sight never to be forgotten by them. Just ahead of the ship the America was floating 300 feet above the sea, her anchor dragging with motor silent and rudders still. So near was she that the passengers could easily see the airship's crew among the machinery, under which hung a lifeboat.

As the Trent drew nearer one of the airship's crew tore a hole in the canvas compartment near the stern and dropped a line to the Trent. Captain Lainsort stopped the Trent close to the airship as it was safe to go, but repeatedly as the airship was reached a strong wind blew her away. The sea was comparatively calm, but the wind blew in uncertain gusts. Finally, the Trent came directly under the America's stern, but the rope dropped down was not considered safe to hold her, and again the airship was blown away.

No more effort was made by the airship's crew to save their balloon or the wireless instruments in their lifeboat. The America was near enough for her engines to be plainly heard on the Trent, and Wellman asked the captain to stand by to pick up the boats, he said. The America came lower and the ropes were cut and the airship was thrown from the steamer and boats were ready to be lowered, but the America's lifeboat was quickly righted and towed to the Trent. As she came alongside the passengers cheered loudly. Again they cheered each man as he climbed from the lifeboat to the deck and was instantly surrounded by the eager passengers.

The members of the rescued crew were placed in the hands of Dr. J. C. McCormick, of the Trent. Wellman's little finger was lacerated by the rope thrown from the ship and others had cuts and burns.

Entry on Furer Newman's passenger book, the first of the kind on record, reads:

"Transferred from the airship America, Murray Simon, navigator; Walter Wellman, aeronaut; Melvin Vaniman, engineer; Frederick Aubert mechanic; Lewis Loud, mechanic; Jack Irwin, wireless operator."

As soon as Wellman's crew received proper attention they were led to the saloon dining-room for breakfast and once more were loudly cheered. After the meal the Trent's officers and passengers supplied several of the rescued men with clothing and each became a hero. Whenever they stood young women eagerly sought souvenirs and got pieces of wireless, cigarettes and autographs.

As soon as the America's lifeboat was hoisted on deck the forward compartment was opened and the voyagers got the America's cat. She scratched and cried loudly but was petted by all the passengers and had many pictures taken.

When the boat left the airship the America shot up in the air and drifted rapidly to the west.

As Mr. Wellman reached the bridge

he asked to see the America. She was just at the horizon with one end up in the air, and he said "Good-by."

Captain Downs and the officers of the Trent extended to Mr. Wellman every courtesy in their power. All were made comfortable and expressed their thanks.

Wireless telegraph, which first helped in life-saving at sea when the steamship Republic suffering a collision a year ago last winter, yesterday for the first time played an important part in an aeronautical rescue. During the earliest hours the Morse signaling also was brought into play in communicating between the America and the rescue signals leading to the rescue being exchanged by the Morse lamp method.

The schooner Addie E. Bullard, Captain Sawyer, arrived at Norfolk, from Boston yesterday. Captain Sawyer reports sighting the airship America October 15 at 7:20 p. m. about 45 miles east by south of Barneget, and would have collided with her had not the aeronaut put his helm hard up and sharply changed his course.

Captain Sawyer states that the airship was only about 80 feet above the water, while the schooner's masts are about 110 feet above the sea.

The weather was foggy and the schooner blowing a foghorn, and when the airship approached she tooted her steam whistle to warn the aeronaut.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Robert Doyl, 50 years old, died at his home at Dumfries on Monday, after a brief illness.

Mr. James P. Reardon, commonwealth's attorney of Winchester, was married today at Frostburg, Md., to Miss Martha Thomas Colborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Colborn.

Giles B. Jackson, president of the Virginia College State Fair, which opens at Richmond October 24, has received a letter from Mr. Roosevelt, which states it will be impossible for him to accept the invitation to be present at the fair.

Jacob C. Harper, 80 years old, a prominent farmer and cattle dealer, died Friday at his home on the border line of Pendleton, and Randolph counties, in which section he owns several large grazing farms. Mr. Harper is survived by 22 children—12 sons and 10 daughters.

Bear steak is on the market in Harrisonburg at 25 cents a pound. First come, first served. E. D. Cooper, of Hinton, Rockingham county, shot a bear that weighed close on to 400 pounds in the mountains of west Rockingham. This bear and others had been killing cattle and sheep for several months and is therefore very sick and fat. Her huge tusks and enormous feet are being shown about town as trophies of the hunt.

Mary Williams, 9 years old, and Meritt Williams, 12 years old, grand children of the late Mrs. Mary L. Anderson, of Fredericksburg, were tagged and put in charge of a Pullman conductor there yesterday and sent to Los Angeles, Cal., to live with their aunt, Mrs. Mauser. They are orphans. They will make no change of cars between Fredericksburg and Los Angeles, going by way of New Orleans.

SYNOD OF VIRGINIA.

The Synod of Virginia adjourned at 10:55 o'clock yesterday morning in Charlottesville to meet next year at Winchester on the fourth Tuesday in October, at 8 p. m. An effort to make the time for the next meeting the third Tuesday in November was lost by a close vote. A paper was adopted in endorsing the Synod's orphan home in Lynchburg, and commending it to the liberality of the people. The committee appointed to consider the communication from a voluntary conference of ministers and officers of evangelical churches, recommended the following reply:

"The Synod of Virginia views with gratification every movement which looks toward the closer union and practical co-operation of all who hold in common the great and precious truths of the gospel. While it is undoubtedly impossible, under present conditions, to attain to the organic union of all who love the truth, we should all seek to present a united testimony for it, looking with joyful hope to the day when we shall all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. We commend that Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., Rev. G. B. Stricker, D. D., and Rev. George L. Petrie, D. D., with Ruling Elders G. L. Christian, Thomas B. Gresham and George Randolph Cannon be appointed, in accordance with the request in the communication, to attend the conference proposed, and that Dr. Cecil be appointed a member of the committee of arrangements. In appointing these delegates to the proposed conferences on unity, the Synod of Virginia deems it proper to make the following statement: 'We believe that our Saviour's prayer for his servants, that they may be one,' does not refer to an external unity of organization among Christians regardless of conviction, but rather a spiritual unity of love and sympathy, and of effort to win the world to Christ.'

C. AND O. DIRECTORS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad was held in Richmond yesterday. The following board of directors was elected: Deane Axtell, James H. Dooley, Frederick W. Scott, and George W. Stevens, of Richmond; Edwin Hawley, Henry E. Huntington, Theodore P. Shonta, Frank Trumbull, and Frank A. Vanderbilt, of New York.

The directors will meet in New York Thursday and organize.

Over four million cords of wood were used in the manufacture of wood pulp in the United States in 1909, as shown by the annual report on the industry issued today by the census bureau. The cost of the transformation of the wood, of which is in exact figures, there were 1,002,000 cords was \$34,475,000. This was an increase of 650,000 cords over the consumption of 1908, but of only about 39,000 over that of 1907.

Ladies, you will always wear a smile if you wear the Red Cross Shoe. For sale only by J. A. Marshall & Bro., 422 King street.

THE SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION.

At the conclusion of the 442d ballot, with no nomination in sight, the Second district democratic convention in session in Suffolk, took another recess at midnight until 10 o'clock this morning.

While the balloting was proceeding perfunctorily, without any changes in the voting, the democratic district committee, which had been charged by the state central committee with the task of providing means for the selection of a nominee, held two meetings. It was declared to be the unanimous opinion of the committee that the convention was not carrying out the rules of the committee, which provided the "new primary convention" plan of nomination, in that the committee never contemplated the adoption of convention rules by which no candidate could ever be nominated, as the result of a deadlock.

The district committee called into session the floor leaders of Holland, Young, Maynard and Deal, suggesting that the rules of the convention be so changed as to bring about a nomination in the end. The committee's idea was to go before the convention, if necessary, with a statement and explanation.

The floor leaders said that any statement by the committee would be regarded as "undue interference," and would not be accepted. The committee then withdrew suggestions.

The only change in the situation came last night when the 63 Young votes were cast solidly for Deal, which added to his 7 votes, gave him 70. The other men had the same number as they have retained since the beginning of the balloting—Holland 80 and Maynard 17.

THE EPISCOPALIANS.

An amendment to the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, calling for the establishment of missionary districts along racial lines, was yesterday voted down decisively by the house of deputies at the triennial convention of that body now in session in Cincinnati.

The negroes have long wanted a bishop of their own, but the vote yesterday was of such a character as to quiet any suggestions along this line that might be made in the near future. Rev. Joseph Dunn, of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, in speaking against the adoption of the amendment said:

"The emancipation of the negroes was a dire disaster, as the negro at that very time was in need of all the teaching and help that could be given to him by his white brother. They lost all of this, and the church has 45 years misguidance to undo."

"The negroes cannot grasp the idea of the church as yet. Their religion at the present time is mostly emotional, and I believe that the passage of this amendment would be fatal in regard to the negroes."

The House of Deputies named its members of the joint committee on social services. Gifford Pinchot, Jacob Reiss, Samuel Mather, Roland S. Morris and W. Fallows Morgan constitute the laity division, while Rev. George Hodges, Rev. Howard Melish, Rev. Frank Nelson, Rev. E. E. Parson and Rev. Walter N. Sumner are the members from the clerical division.

The House of Deputies also passed the canon regarding missionary